

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2289–S2331

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2710–2725, and S. Res. 477–478. **Page S2321**

Measures Passed:

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 478, designating the week of April 21, 2018, through April 29, 2018, as “National Park Week”. **Page S2330**

International Parental Child Abduction Month: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 431, supporting the goals and ideals of “International Parental Child Abduction Month” and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2330**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 115, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. **Page S2330**

Appointments:

Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 115th Congress: Senator Klobuchar. **Page S2330**

Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 115th Congress: Senator Crapo. **Page S2330**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the

Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Gayle C. Manchin of West Virginia. **Page S2330**

Duncan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S2304–13**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 19, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2018. **Page S2304**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2303–04**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2304**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2330**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 80), James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Pages S2291–S2303**

Messages from the House: **Page S2320**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—80) Page S2303

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:55 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2330.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM AND GLOBAL THREAT UPDATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine an intelligence program update and global threat assessment, after receiving testimony from Daniel Coats, Director of National Intelligence; George C. Barnes, Deputy Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; and an official of the intelligence community.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual testimony on the Federal Reserve's supervision and regulation of the financial system, including S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Vice Chairman for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

RURAL ENERGY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine energy-

related challenges and opportunities in remote and rural areas of the United States, after receiving testimony from Carole M. Plowfield, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; Matt Greek, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, North Dakota; Doug Hardy, Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative, Great Falls; Andrew Lyons, HopeSource, Ellensburg, Washington; and Robert Venables, Southeast Conference, Juneau, Alaska.

OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tackling opioid and substance use disorders in Medicare, Medicaid, and human services programs, after receiving testimony from Admiral Brett P. Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health, and Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Mental Health and Opioid Policy, and Kimberly Brandt, Principal Deputy Administrator for Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 994, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John B. Nalbandian, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Kari A. Dooley, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Dominic W. Lanza, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Charles J. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, and Joseph H. Hunt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Steven L. Gladden, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, Nicola T. Hanna, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, Brendan O. Heffner, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of Illinois, and Theodor G. Short, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 5577–5578 were introduced. **Page H3448**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3448**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

ARMY FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET REQUEST READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Army Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request Readiness Posture”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Army officials: Lieutenant General Joseph Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7; Lieutenant General Timothy Kadvy, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Charles Luckey, Chief of Army Reserve; and Lieutenant General Aundre Piggee, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4.

EXAMINING TAX-EXEMPT PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS FOR ALL ABOARD FLORIDA’S BRIGHTLINE PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bonds for All Aboard Florida’s Brightline Passenger Rail System”. Testimony was heard from Grover Burtney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Transportation; Dylan Reingold, County Attorney, Indian River County, Florida; Chief Dan Wouters, Division Chief, Emergency Management, Martin County Fire Rescue Department, Florida; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 5 p.m., SD–419.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Monday, April 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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